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JACKSONVILLE MAN GUILTY OF POSSESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

(Tyler, TX) United States Attorney Matthew D. Orwig announced today that a 23-year-old Jacksonville man has pleaded guilty to possession of child pornography in the Eastern District of Texas.

JOSHUA ALLEN entered his guilty plea today before United States Magistrate Judge Judith K. Guthrie.

According to information presented in court, on September 21, 2006, a federal search warrant was executed at Allen's Jacksonville residence. During the search, two laptop computers were seized by law enforcement officers. Forensic analysis of these items recovered more than 600 visual depictions involving minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

Allen could be sentenced to up to 10 years in federal prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.00 for the conviction. A sentencing date has not been set.

This case is part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created Project Safe Childhood, a national initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify

and rescue victims. For more information on Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafecchildhood.gov/.

This case is being investigated by the United States Secret Service and the Longview Police Department and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Gregg A. Marchessault.

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